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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 28 TO 32 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2004

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with articles 30, paragraph 4, and 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Twenty-third Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Thursday, 9 September 2004, for the purpose of electing nine members of the Human Rights Committee from a list of persons nominated by States parties (annex I) to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2004 (annex II). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2006 appear in annex III.

2. In accordance with article 30, paragraph 2, and article 34 of the Covenant, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 17 February 2004, invited the States parties to submit, in conformity with article 29 of the Covenant, their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within three months, i.e. by 17 May 2004.

3. Annex IV contains the curricula vitae of the persons whose nominations had been received by the Secretariat by the end of the day on 17 May 2004.

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Annex I

LIST OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY STATES PARTIES

Name of candidate	Nominated by
Mr. Franco DEPASQUALE	Malta
Mr. Osman EL HAJJE*	Lebanon
Mr. Maurice GLÈLÈ-AHANHANZO*	Benin
Mr. Edwin Ramón JOHNSON LOPEZ*	Ecuador
Mr. Ahmed Tawfik KHALIL	Egypt
Mr. Rajsoomer LALLAH*	Mauritius
Mr. Michael O'FLAHERTY	Ireland
Mr. Rafael RIVAS POSADA*	Colombia
Sir Nigel RODLEY	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. Ivan SHEARER	Australia
Ms. Amina Moussou TRAORE*	Burkina Faso
Ms. Margareta WADSTEIN*	Sweden

* The curricula vitae of these candidates were not prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in annex IV to the call for candidacies.

Annex II

LIST OF THE NINE MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2004

Mr. Franco DEPASQUALE	Malta
Mr. Maurice GLÈLÈ-AHANHANZO	Benin
Mr. Ahmed Tawfik KHALIL	Egypt
Mr. Rajsoomer LALLAH	Mauritius
Mr. Rafael RIVAS POSADA	Colombia
Sir Nigel RODLEY	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. Martin SCHEININ	Finland
Mr. Ivan SHEARER	Australia
Mr. Maxwell YALDEN	Canada

Annex III

LIST OF THE NINE MEMBERS WHO WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2006

Mr. Abdelfattah AMOR	Tunisia
Mr. Nisuke ANDO	Japan
Mr. Prafullachandra N. BHAGWATI	India
Mr. Alfredo CASTILLERO HOYOS	Panama
Ms. Christine CHANET	France
Mr. Walter KÄLIN	Switzerland
Mr. Hipólito SOLARI-YRIGOYEN	Argentina
Ms. Ruth WEDGWOOD	United States of America
Mr. Roman WIERUSZEWSKI	Poland

Annex IV

CURRICULA VITAE OF CANDIDATES

Name: Osman EL HAJJE

Date of birth: 21 July 1944

Place of birth: Tripoli, Lebanon

Education

Studies in France and Switzerland

Docteur d'Etat en science politique (doctorate in international relations), University of Geneva

Diploma, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva

Diplôme d'Etudes supérieures en droit (advanced law diploma), University of Geneva

Diplôme es lettres (arts diploma), University of Lyon II, France

Academic works

"Les pays islamiques et les instruments internationaux des droits de l'homme", *Revue de l'Association internationale pour la défense de la liberté religieuse*, No. 41, 1990

"L'arbitrage entre Etat et personne privée étrangère", University of Geneva, United Nations Library, Geneva

Le contrôle de l'application des conventions internationales des droits de l'homme, UNESCO, 1999

Cairo declaration by the member countries of the conference of Islamic States and intangible rights, Association of International Human Rights Advisers, Emile Brulant, Brussels, 1997

Le droit à l'aide humanitaire, UNESCO, 1996

Contenu de l'éducation des droits de l'homme, IUS Primi Viri, Rome, 1995

Les prisonniers de guerre du conflit Irak-Iran et Irak-Koweït et le respect du droit international humanitaire, Jinane University Human Rights Centre, Tripoli, Lebanon, 1994

La démocratie comme instrument de paix sociale, Jinane University Human Rights Centre, Tripoli, Lebanon, 1993

La société démocratique pourra-t-elle survivre sans valeurs? Institute for International Public Law and International Relations, Thessaloniki University, Greece, 1997

La communication interculturelle et les droits de l'homme, Jinane University Human Rights Centre,Tripoli, Lebanon, 1996

"Human rights in a world in torment", a lecture delivered at the Rencontres de lundi, Geneva, 1996

Comparaison entre la Déclaration universelle des droits de l'homme, la Déclaration du Caire des droits de l'homme des pays de la Conférence des Etats islamiques et la Déclaration arabe des droits de l'homme, International Institute for Sociological, Criminal and Penal Study and Research (Intercenter), Messina, Italy, 1999

Droits de l'homme et droit au développement, Intercenter, Messina, Italy, 1993

Droits de l'homme démocratie et islam, in preparation

Professional activities

Professor of international law and President of Jinane University Human Rights Centre, Tripoli, Lebanon

Organized and chaired several regional conferences on human rights and humanitarian law

Counsellor/expert, Lebanese delegation at several sessions of the Commission on Human Rights

Counsellor/expert, preparatory conference on the International Criminal Court, Malta, September 1997

Former counsellor, General Confederation of Workers, Lebanon

Member, International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy

Member of IUS Primi Viri International Committee on the Decade for Human Rights Education 1993-2003

Member, Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1994-1997

Name: Franco DEPASQUALE

Date and place of birth: 20 February 1938, Malta

Working languages: English and Italian

Current position/functions

Chairman of Malta Police Board
Court mediator in family lawsuits
Arbitrator at Malta Arbitration Centre
Member of Human Rights Committee

Main professional activities

Judge of the Court of Appeal and Constitutional Court of Malta (retired)

Responsible for the consideration and analysis of and decisions taken following complaints brought before the Police Board by members of the public and members of the police corps

Court mediator nominated by parties in family cases before the courts

Member of the panel of arbitrators of the Malta Arbitration Centre adjudicating civil and commercial cases

Senior partner of a legal firm that serviced leading business and commercial enterprises mainly in the property, automotive and petrochemical fields; pleaded mainly in human rights, commercial, and property litigation until called to the bench

1997-2002: represented the judiciary on the Commission for the Administration of Justice

1985-1989: member of the Board of Directors of APS Bank, the oldest financial institution in Malta

Educational background

St. Joseph High School and The Lyceum of Malta

The Royal University of Malta and Sacred Heart University of Milan, Italy

1959: Legal Procurator
1961: Bachelor of Arts in economics, history and Italian
1963: Notary Public
1964: Doctor of Laws
1964-1965: Post-graduate studies in political science at Sacred Heart University of Milan

Other main activites in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

As Chairman of the Police Board, acts as an ombudsman investigating any alleged violation committed by members of the police force in terms of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Name: Maurice GLÈLÈ-AHANHANZO

Date and place of birth: 1934, Benin

Married, father of four children

Traditional secondary education; appointed Director (*brevet*), French National Overseas College

Docteur d'État en droit (doctorate in law); professor of public law and political science (*agrégation*), 1974

Taught at universities of Benin, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, and Dakar

Author of several works, including: *Naissance d'un Etat noir*; *Le Danxomé: du pouvoir adja à la nation fon*; *Religion, culture et politique en Afrique noire*; Louise Marise Overseas Science Academy prize, 1982 *Introduction à l'Organisation de l'Unité Africaine et Organisations Régionales africaines*

Published several articles in specialist legal reviews, including:

"Théorie et pratiques des droits de l'homme dans l'Afrique contemporaine", Dakar symposium on teaching and research in international law, Dakar, 11-13 December 1985

"La Commission africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples", introductory report for the symposium organized by the International Commission of Jurists, Dakar, 17-18 July 1987

"La Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples: ses virtualités et ses limites", *Revue de droit africain*, Association of African Jurists, January-February-March 1985

"Pour une OUA opérationnelle", *Revue juridique et politique, indépendance et coopération*, Nos. 1-4, 1985

"La Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples: spécificité et universalité, symposium on justice and peace, Vatican, Rome, November 1988

Co-drafter of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, director of research and theses, member of many examining boards in law, history and anthropology, Universities of Paris 1 and Dakar

Co-author of several joint legal works, including the commentary to Article 76 of the Charter of the United Nations; J.-P. Cot and A. Pellet, 1985

Member, Committee of Eminent African Personalities, entrusted by the Heads of State of West Africa with revision of the treaty of the Economic Community of West African States

UNESCO official, Director, Division of Cultural Studies and Policies, Legal Counsellor, Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs. Personal promotion to Assistant Director-General - Legal Counsellor in 1992

Member, UNESCO International Advisory Committee for the Culture of Peace and Non-violence

Member of the Constitutional Court and President of the High Court of Justice of the Republic of Benin. President of the Institute for Human Rights and Democracy: Democracy in Everyday Life

Member of the High Council of the Republic of Benin (transition period), 1990-1991

President of the Constitutional Commission that drafted the Constitution of 11 December 1991

Vice-President, High Council of the Republic, sitting as the Constitutional Court, April 1991-June 1993

Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (1993-2002). In this capacity introduced a number of the reports before the Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations General Assembly, and reports on the United States of America (1984), Brazil (1985), Germany (1995), France (1995), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1995), Colombia (1996), Kuwait (1996), South Africa (1997), Czech Republic, Romania, Hungary (1999); active participant in preparation for and work of the Durban World Conference against Racism. Chaired meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights and of the advisory services programme, Geneva, 18 March-22 June 2001

Vice-President, Administrative Tribunal of the African Development Bank

Member, French Society for International Law

Vice-President, International Academy of Constitutional Laws, Tunis

Member, United Nations Human Rights Committee, 2001-2004

Decorations

Knight of Arts and Letters (France)
Officer of the Legion of Honour (France)
High Officer of the National Order of Benin

Spoken/written languages

French, Fon, Yoruba, English

Name: Edwin Ramón JOHNSON LÓPEZ

Place and date of birth: Riobamba, Ecuador, 7 May 1950

Civil status: Married, to Bruna DESCALZI

Children: Two

Trial lawyer, Republic of Ecuador. Graduate, Central University of Ecuador

Doctor en Jurisprudencia (doctorate in law), 1975

Specialist in international relations, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC, and New York Peace Academy

Trade promotion expert, Foreign Commerce Institute of Italy

Enrolled, School of Art, Louvre Museum, Paris

Specialist in Caribbean issues, Central University of Venezuela

Joined the diplomatic branch of the Ecuadorian Foreign Service by public examination in 1970

Career official for 33 years without interruption
Third Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1973-1975
Vice-Consul, Miami, Florida, 1975-1976
Second Secretary, delegation of Ecuador to the United Nations, New York
Promoted to First Secretary in 1979
Counsellor, Foreign Service, 1982
Counsellor, Embassy of Ecuador in France, 1983-1986
Chargé d'affaires, delegation of Ecuador to UNESCO, Paris
Foreign Service Minister, 1987
Minister, Embassy of Ecuador in Venezuela, 1988-1990
Chief, Ecuador Interests Section, Berlin, during German reunification
General Consul of Ecuador, Berlin
Minister, Embassy of Ecuador in Peru, January 1991
Minister, Director, Ecuador-Peru Commission on Good Neighbourliness, 1993
Promoted to Ambassador by examination in 1995 (Decree No. 3042, 7 September 1995)
Ambassador-Director General for Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ambassador-Director General for Protocol and Ceremony
Ambassador of Ecuador to the Swiss Confederation, May 1997-December 2002
Concurrent Ambassador of Ecuador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, October 1997-December 2002

Professor of international public law, Central University of Ecuador Law School, various academic years

Professor of diplomatic law, School of International Studies

Professor of diplomatic law, practice, diplomacy and international organizations, Diplomatic Academy of Ecuador

Chairman, various official delegations of Ecuador at a number of international meetings

Spoken languages: English, French; knowledge of Italian and German

Decorations from Brazil (Knight of the Order of the Barón de Río Branco, 1970); Venezuela (Order of Francisco de Miranda, Third Class); Romania (Tudor Vladimirescu Military Order, Fifth Class); Mexico (Aztec Eagle); Colombia (Order of San Carlos); Bolivia, Ecuador (National Order of Merit, Grand Cross); special mention by the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States for contributions to strengthening of the spirit of the Americas

President, Association of Ecuadorian Foreign Service Officials, 1987

Rapporteur, expert group, United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1979

Chairman, expert committee, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1981

Member, personal capacity, Committee of fifteen experts on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1982-1984

First Diplomatic Coordinator, Organization of American States Ecuador-Peru Observer Mission, Cenepa conflict, 1995

Dean, Latin American Group of Ambassadors accredited to the Swiss Confederation, May 2000-January 2003

Under-Secretary for Institutional Development, January 2003 to date

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, August 2003 to date

Spokesman, Legal Commission of the National Defence Board, August 2003 to date

Spokesman, National Defence Board, August 2003 to date

Corresponding member in Ecuador of the Argentine Ceremonial Academy

Name: Ahmed Tawfik KHALIL

Date and place of birth: 4 November 1925, Cairo

Working languages: English, French and Arabic

Current position/function

Member of the Human Rights Committee since 2000
Adviser to the Arab Organization for Human Rights
Adviser to the National Center for Middle East Studies, Cairo

Main professional activities

Member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs

Member of the Egyptian Society for International law
(as former Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations); occasional lectures at the Diplomatic Institute in Cairo

Member of the "New Forum" in Cairo (an NGO whose activities cover political, economic and social affairs)

Educational background

Bachelor of Commerce, Cairo University
LLB, Cairo University
Fellow at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (1968, 1976)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Lectured on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to members of the Egyptian judiciary as part of a programme organized through the United Nations Development Programme in Cairo

Member of a group of five Arab experts commissioned by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, upon request of the Secretary-General of the Arab League, to revise the 1994 "Arab Rights Charter" for the consideration of Arab States

Lectured at the Egyptian National Council for Women

Participation in seminars and discussion groups organized in Cairo by human rights NGOs

List of most recent publications in the field

A comprehensive analysis of ICCPR to be included in a handbook on human rights for the Arabic-speaking public, as part of an ongoing project of the Arab Organization for Human Rights, to promote human rights culture

Name: Rajsoomer LALLAH, QC, GOSK
Former Chief Justice of the Republic of Mauritius

Date and place of birth: September 1933, Mauritius

Languages: English, French, Hindi and Creole

Academic and professional qualifications

BA (Honours) in Jurisprudence, Oxford University, United Kingdom (1957)
Barrister-at-law, the Middle Temple, London, United Kingdom (1958)
MA, Oxford University (1960)

Fellowships

United Nations Institute for Training and Research fellowship at the Hague Academy of International Law (1970)
United Kingdom Law Officers Fellowship (1968)
Anderson Scholar, Oxford University (1954-1957)

Distinctions

Grand Officer of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (GOSK) (1995)
International Gold Mercury Award ad personam for contribution to development and human rights law (1985)
Honorary Professor of Law, University of Mauritius (1980)
Queen's Counsel (1976)

Functions in Mauritius

President of the Constitutional Tribunal concerning the removal of the Commissioner of Police (1999)

Judge of the Supreme Court and retired as Chief Justice (1980-1995)

Parliamentary Counsel (1978-1980)

Assistant Solicitor General (1976-1978)

Chairman of the Council of Legal Education of Mauritius (1988-1994)

Chairman of the Commission on the Review of Legal Studies leading to the establishment of a law school at the University of Mauritius and of the Council of Legal Education (1983)

Chairman of the Commission of Enquiry in connection with the general elections (1982)

Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Council of the University of Mauritius (1977-1980)

Seconded from the Ministry of Justice to the Electoral Commission as Deputy to the Electoral Commissioner for the registration of electors, the drafting of electoral regulations and the administration of the general elections leading to independence. Worked in close collaboration with the Commonwealth Team of Observers appointed following the Lancaster House Constitutional Conference, London (1965-1967).

International work in the human rights field

Member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, 1977-1982 and 1985-2004

Vice-Chairman (1977-1978), Rapporteur (1978-1982) and Chairman (1989-1991)

Member of the High-Powered Commission appointed by Commonwealth heads of State and government for the setting up of human rights machinery for the Commonwealth (1980-1981)

Member of the Advisory Council of Interrights, London (1988-1994)

Member of the International Commission of Jurists, Geneva (1988-1998)

Has contributed numerous papers and articles and has addressed colloquies for chief justices and other judges, including law associations, on the domestic application of international human rights norms, under the auspices of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Ford Foundation at Bangalore (1986) and Harare (1989) and, at the invitation of the Lord Chancellor of the United Kingdom, at Oxford (1992)

Has addressed many seminars organized by governmental and non-governmental organizations in the field of human rights, including Islam and human rights in the Middle East and North Africa

Has addressed seminars on the creation of an International Criminal Court (1997 and 1998) under the auspices of the Aspen Institute

Other international work

Chaired a three-day workshop on national integrity systems organized by Transparency International and the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank with financial support from the Governments of Mauritius and Norway (1998)

Member of the group of three eminent persons appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to assess existing material relating to genocide in Cambodia and to recommend appropriate measures (1998)

Chair of the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization to investigate certain industrial complaints in Nigeria (1998)

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Chile (1983 and 1984) and Myanmar (1996-2000) with responsibility to report to the Commission on Human Rights and the General Assembly of the United Nations

Member of the London Court of International Arbitration since 1995

Member of the Fact-finding and conciliation commission appointed by ILO to investigate industrial complaints made by Congress of South African Trade Unions against the then Government of South Africa (1991-1992)

Participated in work on a post-apartheid constitution for South Africa at the invitation of the Constitutional Committee of the African National Congress, the University of Witwaterstrand and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law of Washington (1991)

Special Adviser at the Commonwealth Secretariat and lawyer member of the Resources Team of Experts advising Commonwealth Governments in all matters of resources development (petroleum, minerals, geothermal energy, agriculture and other resources), assisting them in negotiations with multinationals; drafting agreements and implementing legislation; setting up central banking institutions and drafting of fiscal and tax legislation for various Commonwealth Governments; assisting Commonwealth Governments in independence negotiations and the drafting of their constitutions (1970-1975)

Legal Adviser to the delegation of Mauritius at the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference and negotiations with international financial institutions (World Bank and African Development Bank) and with other Governments for double taxation agreements and air services (Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia, United Kingdom and Germany) (1968-1970, 1976-1980)

Present law practice

Now engaged in arbitration, legal advice in negotiations concerning power projects, telecommunication agreements and resources exploitation generally and other commercial and industrial undertakings. Advice and opinions on constitutional matters and court-oriented work.

Name: Michael O'FLAHERTY

Date and place of birth: 5 March 1959, Ireland

Working languages: English, with working knowledge of French and Italian

Current position/function

Michael O'Flaherty is Reader in Human Rights at the University of Nottingham and Co-Director of the University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre; technical adviser to a number of international organizations including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNICEF and the Special Court for Sierra Leone; member of the legal advisory boards of the European Roma Rights Centre (Budapest) and the Diplomacy Training Forum (Sydney); member of a number of human rights research and policy networks.

Main professional activities

Until December 2003, Michael O'Flaherty led human rights research projects at the UNICEF Research Centre, Florence. Previously, he coordinated the Asia and the Pacific programmes at OHCHR (2000-2003), established and managed the United Nations human rights field operation in Sierra Leone (1998-2000), was Secretary of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1995-1996), United Nations human rights adviser for implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement (1995-1996) and established the United Nations human rights field presence in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1994). From 2000 to 2002 he chaired the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee task force on human rights and humanitarian action. His work in the non-governmental sector has included establishment of the Victims' Rights Group of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (1997), the redesign of the Irish Centre for Human Rights (1997), coordination of international human rights activities of the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace (1989-1992) and provision of advice and training to numerous organizations and institutes internationally.

Educational background

Bachelor of Civil Law (1980, National University of Ireland); Solicitor of the Courts of Justice (Ireland, 1983); Bachelor of Philosophy (1984, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome); Bachelor of Theology (1987, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome); Master of Philosophy (1993, University of Amsterdam); Executive Master of Arts in International Relations (1993, University of Amsterdam).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Michael O'Flaherty has experience of human rights promotion and protection with the United Nations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies in countries of Europe, Africa and Asia-Pacific, as well as at headquarters level and in his own country, Ireland. He is a former Secretary to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and he has presented non-governmental submissions to the Human Rights Committee and other treaty bodies. He has written over 30 books and articles on human rights dealing with issues of law and practice under ICCPR and other United Nations human rights instruments, the United Nations treaty body system and the promotion of human rights in post-conflict situations.

At the University of Nottingham he holds a senior post in the Law School and, as Co-Director of the Human Rights Law Centre, he guides human rights capacity-building programmes worldwide as well as policy/practice-oriented research projects.

List of most recent publications in the field

Books: Human Rights and the UN: Practice Before the Treaty Bodies; Post-war Protection of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ed.); The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: International Human Rights Law in Ireland (co-author). Articles (citations on file): The Reporting Obligation under Article 40 ICCPR; ICCPR: A Guide for Preparation of Independent Submissions; Human Rights Treaty Bodies and the Former Yugoslavia; Treaty Bodies Responding to States of Emergency; Developments in the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; ICERD, The Substantive Provisions; The Individual Complaints Procedures under the Convention against Torture and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; The Role of the Human Rights Community in the Sierra Leone Peace Process; Post-conflict Promotion and Protection of Human Rights; Human Rights Monitoring and Armed Conflict: Challenges for the UN.

Name: Rafael RIVAS POSADA

Date and place of birth: Bogotá, 5 April 1932

Working Languages: English, French

Education

National University Faculty of Law, Bogotá, 1950-1954

Doctorado en Derechos y Ciencias Políticas (doctorate in law and political science), 1956

Graduate thesis, "Teoría General de Negocio Jurídico", José Félix de Restrepo

University Merit Award, 1957

University of Paris, Faculty of Law, 1956-1958; courses in civil law, doctorate programme; French Government fellowship

University of Paris Institute of Comparative Law, 1956-1958

Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands, 1961-1963; master's degree in public administration, graduate thesis: "Corporaciones Regionales de Desarrollo: Un enfoque administrativo"

University of Princeton, United States of America, 1965-1968; master's degree in political science; PhD Candidate, thesis on "El sistema de partidos en Colombia: modelos de competencia política"; Ford Foundation fellowship

Professional background

Municipal judge, Utica, Cundinamarca, Colombia, 1955-1956
Minister of Finance, Bogotá, 1958
State attorney, department of Cundinamarca, 1958
Attorney, Previsora SA, insurance company, 1959-1960
Private legal practice, Bogotá, 1971-1975
National Coordinator, UNDP/UNESCO Colombia programme, Bogotá, 1975
Minister of Education, 1977-1978
Manager, PROCULTURA SA, Colombian company manufacturing and distributing cultural artefacts, Bogotá
Member of the Peace Commission of the Colombian Government, 1982-1985
Assistant Director, Colombian Liberal Party, 1985-1986

Academic background

Professor, Civil Service College (ESAP), Bogotá, 1963-1985
Professor, Valle University, Cali, Colombia, 1965-1970
Head, Political Science Department, Valle University, 1968-1969
Dean, Department of Arts and Sciences, University of the Andes, Bogotá, 1970-1971
Professor, University of the Andes, 1970-1975
Rector, University of the Andes, 1982-1985
Director, Centre for International Studies, University of the Andes, 1996-1997

Diplomatic background

Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, New York, 1975-1977

Vice-President, Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, New York, 1976

Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council. Chairman of the Social Committee and the Economic Committee of the Council, 1976-1977

Chairman of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, United Nations, 1976-1977

President of the Intergovernmental Conference of UNESCO on Cultural Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, Bogotá, 1978

Chief of the Colombian delegation at its tenth special session to the General Assembly of the United Nations on disarmament, New York, 1978

Chief of the Colombian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-third session, New York, 1978

Regional Coordinator of UNESCO for Latin America and the Caribbean, Caracas, Venezuela, 1979-1981

Delegate of Colombia to the World Conference on Culture, organized by UNESCO, Mexico, 1982

Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for the study of the human rights situation in Uruguay, 1982-1985

Independent resource person of the Commission on Human Rights for the study of the human rights situation in Paraguay, 1985-1988

Member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Geneva, 1988-1991

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva, 1989-1991

Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the human rights situation in Cuba, 1989-1991

Member, Consultative Group of International Experts for the International Committee of the Red Cross, 1992-1995

Commissioner member for Panel A on the study of reparations concerning the Gulf War, United Nations Compensation Commission, Geneva, 1994-1996

Member, National Group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration of The Hague, 1997

Member, Human Rights Committee, 2001-2004

Name: Sir Nigel RODLEY

Date and place of birth: 1 December 1941, Leeds, England

Working languages: English, French, Spanish

Current position/function

Since 1994: Professor of Law and Chair, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex
Since 2001: Member, Human Rights Committee (Vice-Chair since 2003)

Main professional activities

1965-1968: Assistant Professor of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax NS, Canada
1968-1969: Associate Economics Affairs Officer, Division of Public Finance and Financial Institutions, United Nations, New York
1969-1972: Visiting Lecturer in Political Science, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York NY
1970-1972: Research Fellow, New York University Center for International Studies
1973-1990: Founding Head of Legal Office, International Secretariat, Amnesty International, London
1973-1990: Part-time Lecturer in Law, London School of Economics (Research Fellow 1983)

Educational background

1960-1963: University of Leeds LLB
1964-1965: Columbia University LLM
1970: New York University LLM
1993: University of Essex PhD

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

1993-2001: United Nations Commission on Human Rights Special Rapporteur on the question of torture
Since 2003: Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists
Since 2000: Member, Editorial Committee, British Year Book of International Law
Since 2003: Trustee, Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture
1998: Knighted (KBE) for "services to human rights and international law"
2000: Honorary LLD, Dalhousie University

List of most recent publications in this field

The Treatment of Prisoners under International Law (2nd ed., 1999, Oxford University Press)

"Breaking the Cycle of Impunity for Gross Violations of Human Rights: The Pinochet Case in Perspective", Nordic Journal of International Law, vol. 69 (2000)

"The Definition(s) of Torture in International Law", Current Legal Problems, vol. 55 (2002)

"UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures of the Commission on Human Rights - Complementarity or Competition?", Human Rights Quarterly, vol. 25 (2003)

"The UN Human Rights Machinery and International Criminal Law", in Lattimer and Sands (eds.), Justice for Crimes against Humanity, Hart Publishing, 2003

Name: Amina Moussou TRAORE, married name Ouedraogo

Sex: Female

Date and place of birth: 12 June 1948, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Nationality: Burkina Faso

Civil status: Married, two children

Academic background

Diploma, National Judiciary College, International Section, Paris, 1977-1979

Maîtrise en droit (master's degree in law): University of Aix-en-Provence, France, 1977

Licence en droit (bachelor's degree in law): University of Aix-en-Provence, France, 1976

DEUG en droit (law diploma): Lomé Faculty of Law, University of Togo, 1973

Baccalauréat serie B (school leaving certificate): Philippe Zinda Kabore high school, Ouagadougou, 1969

Brevet d'études du premier cycle (primary school certificate): Philippe Zinda Kabore high school, Ouagadougou, 1965

Main professional activities

Audit Office

Attorney-General, June 2002 to date
Chairman, Audit Office Contracts Committee

Supreme Court

Vice-President, Supreme Court, February 1996-June 2002
Counsellor, Judicial Chamber, 1992-1996
Member, Constitutional Chamber, 1991-1992

High Judicial Court

Counsellor, 1987-1991

Ministry of Justice

Director, Documentation and Reproduction, 1986-1987
Director, Legislation and Documentation, 1984-1986
Chief, Legislation Service, 1983-1984

Ouagadougou District Court

Examining magistrate/judge, 1981-1983
Alternate Attorney-General, 1979-1981

Other

Teaching

National Judicial College (ENAM), 1999 to date: special criminal law
National Police College, 1990 to date: special criminal law
National Social Affairs College, 1979 and 1982: introduction to civil law and constitutional law

Consultancy

Preparation of a module and training manual on women's rights, violence against women, access by women to legal and judicial machinery, June 2003

Completion of a study on women's rights and HIV/AIDS, May 2003

Preparation of a training module on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, June 2002

Study on the decentralization and administration of justice, report prepared by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), July 1997

Study on democracy and the administration of justice, report prepared for IDEA in Stockholm, 1997

Study on regulation and laws relating to the informal sector for women for UNECA, 1990

Codification

Member, drafting sub-commission, Individuals and Family Code, 1985-1990

Member, National Codification Commission, October 1983-August 1990; Chairperson, ad hoc drafting committee, preliminary Individuals and Family Code

Seminars and conferences

Participation in the round table on the outcome of the legislative elections of May 2002, organized by the Centre for Governance and Democracy (CGD), 29 and 30 October 2002

Participation in monitoring of presidential, legislative and municipal elections in Burkina Faso: December 1991, May 1992, February 1995, May 1997 in Ouagadougou, November 1998, May 2002

Participation in the ongoing training of special courts judges at ENAM, Ouagadougo, 27-29 April 1998

Participation in a national workshop on reference scenarios for the formulation of a national policy on new information and communication technologies, organized by the Burkina Faso Office for Information Technology and the International Institute for Communication and Development, 1998

Participation in workshop on democracy and elections, organized by IDEA, 1997

Participation in seminar on education in human rights, organized by UNESCO and the International Union for Human Rights (UIDH), Ouagadougou, 18-22 August 1997

Participation in dialogue organized by IDEA, Sweden, on development of democracy in Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou, 16-18 June 1997

Participation in seminar on regional integration: 40 years' experience (Europe, Africa, America, Asia), University of Ouagadougou Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, 29-30 October 1996

Participation in campaign on immunity, organized in Ouagadougou by the International Center for Human Rights and Democratic Development, Montreal, May 1996

Training in individual rights by the Canadian Human Rights Foundation, Montreal, 26 June-14 July 1995

Subregional symposium on the rule of law and independence of the judiciary in West Africa, Dakar, 21-26 November 1994

Participation in meeting on assessment of the work of the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights, Ouagadougou, 5-7 October 1994

National seminar on rights and duties of women in the Burkina Faso Individuals and Family Code, 4-6 June 1994

Seminar organized by the National Association for Rural Action (ANAR) and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation on women, democracy, development: the role of NGOs, Ouagadougou, 9-17 May 1994

Seminar on legal services in rural and urban areas and the status of women in rural areas, organized by the International Commission of Jurists, Ouagadougou, 27-31 July 1993

Participation in the fifteenth session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Banjul, 29 March-10 April 1993

Conference by Novib non-governmental organization on human rights, democracy and development, The Hague, 20-25 April 1992

Other activities

Founding member and member of the governing council, Centre for Governance and Democracy (CDG), 2001 to date

Resource person, development committee for the Rural World of Bibgtaaba/Ziniaré, Oubritenga, 2000-2001

Resource person for training in human rights instruments for women, since February 2002

Resource person, Women/Development in Solidarity (WILDAF) non-governmental organization for training in rights of the family and rights of the child, since 2000

Founding Member and Member of the Bureau, WILDAF/Burkina Faso, May 1998

Course Director, special criminal law, ENAM, Ouagadougou, 1998 to date

Member of the follow-up committee to the resolutions and recommendations of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 1996

Member of the National Committee against Discrimination against Women (CONALDIS), 1995-1997

Member of the Burkina Faso Movement for Human and Peoples' Rights, since April 1994

Founding Member of the Burkina Faso Association of Women Jurists (AFJ/BJ), November 1993, and Vice-President

Publications

Preparation of a compendium of violence against women in 17 provinces of Burkina Faso, April 2004
Practical guide to children's rights, 2002
Electoral logistics in Burkina Faso, June 2001
Repertory of instruments for the advancement of women, 2000-2001
Reform of the electoral system in Burkina Faso, IDEA, 29 June-1 July 1999
Report on democracy in Burkina Faso, IDEA, June 1997

Languages

French:	written and spoken
English:	written and spoken

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Working languages: Fluent English and German, working-level French

Current position/function

United Nations Human Rights Committee member since 2001. Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Sydney. President, International Law Association (Australian Branch). Member of the Panel of Arbitrators to the Permanent Court of Arbitration since 1986. Member of the List of Arbitrators, nominated by Australia under article 2, annex VII, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Main professional activities

Professor Shearer is a distinguished teacher, scholar and practitioner of human rights law specifically and international law generally. By virtue of his unique blend of legal, diplomatic and academic experience, he is ideally suited to continue to contribute to this vital committee. Professor Shearer has served as a judge ad hoc on the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. He occupied the prestigious Challis Chair of International Law at the University of Sydney. Professor Shearer was the International Law Adviser to the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho under the United Nations Development Programme (1971-1973) and in this capacity was a member of the Lesotho delegation to United Nations conferences.

Educational background

Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Sydney. Challis Professor of International Law, University of Sydney, 1993-2003. Professor of Law (and Dean of the Faculty of Law, 1984-1990), University of New South Wales (1975-1992). Educated at the University of Adelaide (Bachelor of Laws, 1960, Master of Laws, 1964) and at Northwestern University, Chicago (Doctor of Juridical Science, 1968).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Professor Shearer's special fields of interest are human rights law, the law of armed conflict (including international humanitarian law), international criminal law (including extradition law) and the law of the sea. Professor Shearer has an intimate understanding of the relationship between developing countries and the United Nations human rights system. In April 2004, he presented seminars on the reporting obligations of States parties to international human rights instruments to the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Professor Shearer has also given lectures on human rights for visiting government legal officers from Viet Nam, Bangladesh and China sponsored by the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in 1998-1999.

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List of most recent publications in the field

"The Implications of Non-Treaty Law Making: Customary Law and its Implications", in Alston and Chan (eds.), Treaty-Making and Australia, Federation Press, Sydney, 1995; "The Human Rights Committee and the Toonen Case", Australian Law Journal, vol. 69 (1995); "Extradition and Human Rights", Australian Law Journal, vol. 68 (1994); "Extraditing Heads of State", Public Law Review, vol. 10 (1999).

Name: Margareta WADSTEIN

Date and place of birth: Västerås, Sweden, 14 February 1945

Working languages: Swedish, English, German, French, Russian, Spanish

Education

Law degree at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, 1970
University degrees in French (1980) and Russian (1970)

Professional experience

Currently, since 1998: Ombudsman against Ethnic Discrimination

1988-1997, Justice at the Stockholm City District Court
Leave of absence: December 1995-January 1996 to serve as expert on community law on equality to the Swedish Parliamentarian Committee for the Inter-Governmental Conference 1996; March-April 1993 to serve as legal adviser at the Ministry of Social Affairs on EEC community law on equality; September 1991-February 1993 to serve as secretary to the ad hoc State Commission on the Elimination of Gender-based Wage Discrimination

1983-1988, Deputy Equal Opportunities Ombudsman (acting Ombudsman November 1987-March 1988)

1981-1983, legal adviser at the Ministry of Labour on labour law and women's issues

1980, 1973-1974, assistant judge at the Stockholm Court of Appeal and the Stockholm City District Court

1975-1978, assistant judge at the Rents and Tenancies Court of Appeal

1970-1973, law clerk, District Court of Gällivare, Sweden

National tasks and assignments

September 2002-present, expert, ad hoc Parliamentary Committee on legislation against discrimination

December 2001-May 2002, expert, ad hoc Inquiry on Transformation into national law of EEC directives 2000/43/EG and 2000/78/EG on discrimination

May-December 1997, Chair, Ad hoc Inquiry on the Amendment of the Act on Ethnic Discrimination

1992-1998, member of the Equal Opportunities Commission (1996-1998, Chair)

1993-1995, expert on the State Ad hoc Commission on Violence against Women

1988-1990, member of the State Ad hoc Commission on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men

1993-1998, member of the Board of Directors of the Swedish Section of the International Commission of Jurists

1992-1998, member of the Board of Directors of the Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights

1978-1979, full-time trade union representative for the Swedish magistrates, members of SACO (the Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations)

International tasks and assignments

1998-present, member of ECRI (European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, Council of Europe) (2001-2003, member of the Board)

August 2001, expert on the delegation of the Government of Sweden to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa

October 2000, participated in the Council of Europe Conference against Racism, Strasbourg, France

March 1997, expert, bilateral Swedish-Syrian Seminar on Women's Human Rights, Damascus

November 1996-February 1997, fact-finding missions on human rights issues, St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia, Swedish Section of the International Commission of Jurists

March 1996, participated in the Conference on Developing Equality Strategy and Litigation, Belfast, Northern Ireland

November 1995, consultant to the Council of Europe at the Baltic Seminar on Equality between Women and Men, Tallinn

1995, attended the Fourth World Conference for Women and participated in the NGO Forum, Beijing

1995-1996, member of the Network of the European Commission on Equality Law

February 1995, participated in the Conference on Equality and Democracy: Utopia or Challenge, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

December 1994, consultant to the Council of Europe at the Seminar on Women's Participation in Public Life, Warsaw

1993-1994, member of the Group of Specialists on Equality and Democracy, Council of Europe

November 1991, judge, representing Europe, at the Tribunal of the World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet, Miami, United States of America

September 1990, consultant to the United Nations at the Commemorative Seminar on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Kiev, Ukraine, (then the Soviet Union)

November 1989, attended the Seminar on the Democratic Principle of Equal Representation - Forty Years of Council of Europe Activities, Strasbourg, France

June 1989, consultant to the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) at the Conference on Women, Law and Development, Washington DC, 1951

1989, consultant to the ILO on the Equal Remuneration Convention (No. 100)

January 1989, consultant to the United Nations at the Interregional Seminar on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Athens

August 1987, participated in the First Latin American and Caribbean meeting on strategies for the application of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Sao Paulo and Brasilia, Brazil

June 1987, participated in the World Congress of Women in Moscow

1985, member of the delegation of the Government of Sweden to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, Nairobi

1984-1988, member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) (Rapporteur, 1987-1988)

1982, member of the Industrial Committee on Chemical Industries, ILO

1982-1983, member of the Committee of Experts on sex discrimination, Council of Europe

1981-1983, member of the Governmental Committee on the European Social Charter, Council of Europe

Several publications on women's rights, articles on ethnic, religious and gender discrimination

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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

In connection with the nomination for election to the Human Rights Committee contained in document CCPR/SP/62, the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations informed the Secretariat, in a note dated 8 September 2004, that the Government had decided to withdraw the nomination of Ms. Amina Moussou Traore as a candidate for the elections to the Human Rights Committee.

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